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UNITS AND FUEL CELL STACKS

Examiner: Robert W. HODGE

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is one set (four sheets, six figures) of corrected drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for reasons stated in the Office Action (Paper No. 20040826) dated September 1, 2004. Specifically, in Figure 1, the lead line for the reference numeral "18" is an arrow generally designating the entire membrane and not just the overlap "18a". In Figure 5, the line for "18" contacts the membrane to properly designate it. Figures 11 and 12 are properly labeled to designate them as prior art. The enclosed new drawings correct these informalities.

Favorable consideration of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested.

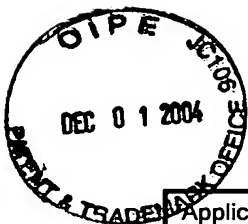
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